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SUBJ: NIGERIAN PRISONS SEEK PURCHASE FROM US SUPPLIERS

1. EMBASSY HAS SHIFTED SALES INITIATIVE EFFORTS TO NATIONAL PRISONS SYSTEM WHICH HAS TRADITIONALLY PURCHASED THROUGH UK CROWN AGENT. IN MARCH 6 MEETING WITH DIRECTOR OF PRISONS A.A. AHMADU, EMBOFFS WERE INFORMED THAT SYSTEM HAD 17,000 STAFF AND 28,000 PRISONERS OF WHOM 600 ARE WOMEN. DEVELOPMENT PLANS CALL FOR REHABILITATION (AND EVENTUAL MOVE FROM URBAN LOCATIONS) OF 30 EXISTING AND AGING PRISONS, PLUS CONSTRUCTION OF 12 NEW NORMAL SECURITY PRISONS, 19 PRISON FORMS AND 4 MAXIMUM SECURITY PRISONS.
2. CONTRACT FOR OVERALL DESIGN AND ENGINEERING CONSULTANCY FOR PRISON EXPANSION PROGRAM APPEARS TO BE GOING TO PRINDELL-PATRICK, COLUMBUS, OHIO. EMBASSY WILL NOTIFY WHEN FINAL.
3. DIRECTOR AHMADU VERY INTERESTED IN PURCHASING FROM US SUPPLIERS IN SEVERAL BASIC AREAS. EMBASSY WILL USE TOP PROCEDURE FOR ITEMS DESCRIBED WITH SUFFICIENT PRECISION, BUT PRODUCT WANTS ARE MORE GENERAL THAN SPECIFIC AT THIS TIME. AHMADU CLEARLY WISHES TO SPEAK TO COMPANY REPRESENTATIVES TO BE EDUCATED ON WHAT IS AVAILABLE IN FIELD, ESPECIALLY NEW DEVELOPMENTS. WE THEREFORE ASK COMMERCE DEPT TO ALERT LEADING MANUFACTURERS OF INTEREST IN FOLLOWING PRODUCT CATEGORIES AND HAVE THEM CONTACT EMBASSY'S CAHILL WHO WILL ARRANGE DIRECT CONTACTS WITH PRISON DIRECTORATE.

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(A) ELECTRONICS - CLOSED CIRCUIT TELEVISION MONITORING

EQUIPMENT; SEARCHLIGHTS; VHV MOBILE RADIO COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM, 150 BHZ BAND FOR COMMUNICATION BETWEEN CARS AND INSTALLATIONS.

(B) CLOTHING - LOW QUARTER BLACK SHOES, BROWN SHOES;

BLACK SERGE DRESS UNIFORMS, GABERDINE UNIFORMS, PRISONER WORK CLOTHES; POLICE HATS FOR GUARDS; MEN'S GRAY STOCKINGS, WOMEN'S HOSIERY; WOLLEN SWEATERS; TIES; GLOVES.

(C) SECURITY EQUIPMENT - CHAINS, HANDCUFFS; GAS MASKS,

GAS CANISTERS.

(D) ACCESSORIES - BADGES, BUTTONS, CHEVRONS, METAL POLISH.

(E) FURNITURE - BEDS SUITABLE FOR PRISONS; FOAM RUBBER

MATTRESSES, PREFERABLY FOAM WHICH CAN BE SPRAYED ON BED FRAME.

(F) MISC. - DEODORANT SOAP; SPORTS EQUIPMENT; GAS STOVES

AND COOKING EQUIPMENT.

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